THE

# LORD's Trumpet,

Sounding an ALARM againſt

# SCOTLAND,

By Warning of

# A Bloody SWORD;

BEING

The Subſtance of a PREFACE and Two PROPHETICAL SERMONS, preached at *Glenluce*, *Anno* 1682, by that great *Scottiſh* Prophet Mr. ALEXANDER PEDEN, late Miniſter of the Goſpel at *New-Glenluce*, in *Galloway*.

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Iſaiah lviii. 1. *Cry aloud, ſpare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet*, &c.

Hoſea vii. 1. *Set the trumpet to thy mouth: he ſhall come as an eagle againſt the houſe of the* LORD, *becauſe they have tranſgreſſed my covenant, and treſpaſſed againſt my law.*

Joel ii. 1. *Blow the trumpet in* Zion, *and ſound an alarm in my holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the* LORD *cometh; for it is nigh at hand.*

Amos iii. 8. *The lion hath roared, Who will not fear? the* LORD GOD *hath ſpoken, Who can but propheſy?*

Acts i. 19. *And it was known unto all the dwellers at* Jeruſalem, *inſomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue,* Aceldama, *that is to ſay,* the field of blood.

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# PREFACE.

THERE *are many of you gathered here the day; ye had need to examine wherefore ye came here.—It is long ſince it hath been our deſire to God to have you taken off our hand, and now he is near to grant us our deſire. There is three or four things that I have to tell you this day; and the* 1ſt *is this, A bloody ſword, a bloody ſword, a bloody ſword for thee,* O Scotland, *that ſhall reach the moſt part of you to the very heart. And the* 2d *is this, Many a mile ſhall ye travel in thee,* O Scotland! *and ſhall ſee nothing but waſte places. The* 3d *is this, The fertileſt places in thee,* O Scotland! *ſhall be waſte as the mountains tops. And* 4thly, *the women with child in thee* O Scotland! *ſhall be daſhed in pieces. And* 5thly, *there hath been many conventicles in thee,* O Scotland! *but e'er it be long God ſhall have a conventicle in thee, that ſhall make thee* (Scotland) *tremble Many a preaching hath God wared on thee,* O Scotland! *but e'er it be long, God's judgments ſhall be as frequent in* Scotland *as theſe precious meetings, wherein he ſent forth his faithful ſervants to give faithful warning in his name of their hazard in apoſtatizing from God, and in breaking all his noble vows. God ſent out a* Welſh, *a* Cameron, *a* Cargill, *and a* Semple *to preach to thee; but e'er long God ſhall preach to thee by a bloody ſword. God ſhall not let a ſentence of theſe men's words fall to the ground, that he ſent out and commiſſioned to preach theſe things in his name. I ſay, God ſhall not let a ſentence that he commanded them to ſpeak to fall to the ground, but ſhall have its due accompliſhment e'er long.*

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# SERMON I.

Matth. xxi. 38. *But when the husbandmen saw the Son, they said among themselves, This is the heir, come let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.*

THIS that I have read unto you is *Scotland*'s sin this day: if our king and nobles had our Lord Jesus Christ among them at *Edinburgh* the day, What would they do with him? They would even give him a pair of gallowses or worse, if they could devise it; for which he shall yoke, e'er long, with our king and nobles, and a part of unfaithful ministers as well as either *prelates* or *malignants* e'er it be long, all shall go together in thir lands.

Now in the text, There is *fruit* called for from thir husbandmen; what *fruit* is this! ye see it is *fruit* in season: this fruit is called for from thee, O *Scotland*, the day. This *fruit* is not such *fruit* as ye pay your rents with, corn or hay, or the like, that your hearts love well. Sirs, it is *fruit* in season: I'll tell you, sirs, the duties that God would have taken off your hands thirty or forty years ago in *Scotland*, whether preaching or praying, or any other spiritual duties, he will not take it off your hand to-day in *Scotland*; I say he will not take it off your hand nor mine either, now when so much of the saints blood hath gone to seal these truths, which we were all bound to own in *Scotland*, and in all these covenanted lands. Now, people of God, in *Scotland*, there is some of you looking me in the face the day, I appeal to your consciences whether it be true or no. Well, what fruit is this that is called for? It is faith and repentance, love to God and obedience to his revealed will, which

many of you; yea, the moſt part of you are as great ſtrangers to, as if ye had never heard this everlaſting goſpel preached unto you. Now people of God in *Scotland* what are ye doing when ſuch dreadful wrath is at the door in *Scotland?* He is not worth his room in *Scotland* the day, that prayeth not the half of his time, to ſee if he can prevent the dreadful wrath that is at your door coming on your poor mother-land. O ſirs, ye muſt pray plowing, harrowing and ſhearing, ay and at all your labour, ay when ye are eating and drinking, going out and in, and at all your employments; there was never more need than now. O that noble life we might have of communion with God, O ſirs, it is he that makes heaven pleaſant; will ye long to be there, O people of GOD.

Now the words of the text, he would have fruit from you in this country-ſide, and from thee, O *Glentuce;* he ſent thee firſt a crumb, and then he ſent thee many a faithful turn of his ſervants while they were on the mountains; and now he hath ſent me to thee this day, to bid thee pay him his fruit, and little hath he gotten from thee, O *Glenluce;* for which he ſhall make many places waſte in thee, O *Scotland*, e'er long: but I'll tell you what is for your perſecuted ſufferers crowns, crowns of glory ye ſhall wear e'er long; and a remnant of you ſhall be preſerved in all the ſad days that is coming on *Britain* and *Ireland.* Now, ſirs, I have news to tell you, there is many of you had need to be making your teſtments, ye will not have long time to run upon the world ſome of you; peace with God will be a good teſtment e'er long, ſirs: for *Scotland* ſhall be drowned with blood e'er long; and then in that fearful day of wrath that is coming on theſe harlot, apoſtate lands, for treachery and covenant-breaking with God; the teſtimony of a good conſcience will be a good feaſt when a bloody ſword may be at your breaſt, then peace with God will help to make a good teſtment in that day;

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read the 12th of the *Hebrews*, ver. 14. *Follow peace with all men, and holineſs, without which none ſhall ſee the LORD.*—What kind of holineſs is this, ſirs? I'll tell you what it is, it is not ſuch a meaſure of holineſs as *Abraham*, *Moſes*, or *David*, or any of theſe great worthies had; God will take leſs off your hands poor folk; it is holineſs in deſign, that is the thing that God will approve of from you. It is not the ſtock of grace that ye have received that will do your turn; it is the thing that ye live in expectation of, and is longing for: ye may want many things, but ye may not want holineſs: friends, ye may be blind, lame, poor in the world, dumb, contemptible, and reproached, and want many things, and yet come to heaven; but and ye want holineſs, ye will never come there; take heed of thoſe things I intreat you in ſuch a day as this.

Now ſirs, There are many of you come here the day out of ſeveral places; ye are all come here profeſſing to be worſhippers of God and living folk: but I am to lay by five or ſix ſorts of folk that is but dead folk.

And 1*ſt*, *Ye are dead folk that are ignorant of the ſaving way and device of ſalvation through the covenant of redemption, deviſed betwixt the Father and the Son from all eternity, ye are all dead folk that is ſuch; ye are all ignorant of the caſe of the work of God in* Scotland, *ye are all dead folk.* I had rather have one of you ſufferers that is bred at Chriſt's ſchool in throw in *Clydſdale* yonder, than have an hundred of you to join with me: ye have no weight with God, no grace, no ſcholars at Chriſt's ſchool, and therefore ye are but dead folk.

A 2*d* ſort are, *Ye who are fair bloſſoming profeſſors, but ye are but as whited tombs, as rotten as dead graves, and hath nothing but a profeſſion, and knows not what the work of regeneration is;* ye are dead folk, we muſt lay you by.

A 3*d* ſort are, *Ye who are plunging in the world, yet have no god but the world, that bears ay moſt ſway in your hearts:* ye are but dead folk, ſirs, we maun lay you by: any that would reprove you for your worldly-mindedneſs, or for your exceſſive covetouſneſs.——O (ſay ye) we muſt labour for our living, would ye have us let our handy-labour alone? But, O fool that thou art, and worldmonger that thou art, hath not Chriſt anſwered thee in that 6*th* of *Matthew*, 33*d* verſe, *Seek firſt the kingdom of heaven and the righteouſneſs thereof, and all other things ſhall be added to you.*—O ſirs! will ye lipen to God, and give him credit, and he will help you at all your work: and ye would once covenant with him, friends, and make him your own; I'll tell you what he would do for you, he would plow your land, ſow your corn, and ſhear your corn, and ſell your corn, and bring home your money: I'll tell you what he will do (friends) as it were to rock the cradle, if it were needful for you: he will condeſcend as low as ye deſire him, but ye man once cloſe with him, and that upon his own terms, and make a ſurrender of your hearts to him.

And a 4*th* ſort that we man lay by as dead folk, and that is, *Your graceleſs young folk, and old prophane folk, ye abuſe your time that ye ſhould ſerve God in: ye meet together houſefulls of you, dancing and leaping throw other; young men and young women of you with your graceleſs wanton mirth, and your luſts burning ſtrong within you, and ye think that ye have liberty to do this: ye will be angry if we call you adulterers or fornicators, God will account you ſo: and if ye get not repentance, ye are really ſerving the devil in your luſts, and theſe ſinful courſes.* O ſirs, is this a time for ſuch a work? when God is threatening to lay poor *Scotland* deſolate: ye ſhould rather be mourning and crying to God for ſhelter in ſuch a dreadful ſtorm and ſad days that he hath to bring about on theſe apoſtate backſliding covenant-breaking lands.

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A *5th* ſort of dead folk are, *You that hath gone with the ſtorm and hath complied and hath given your conſent to the putting Chriſt out of poor* Scotland *by your bonding and teſting againſt him: what are ye doing, ſirs? if he marvellouſly prevent it not, I fear black* popery *e'er long: the* pope *is coming back to ſeek his pawn that he left in* Scotland *long ago, and ye are helping him well: I'll tell you more of it, ſirs, if the Lord had not gotten three or four ſacrifices of the blood of the ſaints in* Scotland, *we had all been bowing to ſtocks and ſtones the day, and to black idolatry; which was at* Pentland, Bothwell *and* Airdſmoſs: *the blood of the ſaints hath given a teſtimony againſt the defections of all ranks in* Scotland. Our Lord's enemies hath not broken a pinning off, or dung a pin out of the work of God; but the blood of the ſaints hath run in throw and out throw, giving a teſtimony againſt all the uſurpation which they have made upon our Lord's crown in *Scotland*, which ſpeaks good news to us the day, and the poſterity following: the generation that are yet to ariſe ſhall partake of the benefits of the ſuffering remnant in *Scotland*. Now old folk, what are ye doing? I fear the ſtorm lay you by; and ye young folk, what are ye doing? will ye venture to cloſe with him, lads and laſſes in *Scotland*; and I will tell you news of it, the lads and laſſes that hath followed him in this ſtormy blaſt, and hath laid down their lives for him; your eyes, ſirs, ſhall ſee them on thrones, and crowns on their heads, and robes of glory, with harps and palms in their hands, as you may ſee in the *Revelation*, 7 chap. and 9th ver. And ye that are young folk in this country-ſide (if he call you to it) and if ye will venture to follow him in this ſtormy blaſt, and bide by his back, and ſtick by his perſecuted truths in *Scotland* the day. He will ſet you on thrones, and ye ſhall give in your judgment with him, when he ſhall judge the bloody king, and the bloody council and parliament, the bloody duke

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of *York*, and our graceleſs prophane nobles and gentlemen, and graceleſs miniſters of *Scotland*. O the graceleſs watchmen of *Scotland* is all dyed with the blood of the ſaints. O my heart trembles within me to think what is coming on the backſliding, ſoul-murdering miniſters of *Scotland*: the children of the ſaints that ſhall out-live the captivity in the days that are coming, ſhall be ready to meet ſuch miniſters, and ſtone them with ſtones, as ye have it in *Zechariah* 13 chap. 4 ver. Therefore take heed what ye are doing, for there is as ſad days coming as ever was in theſe lands; namely in thee, apoſtate *Scotland*, for thy perjury and apoſtacy. We have all cauſe to be afraid that he be about to tranſmit his vineyard to another nation, to better huſbandmen that will give him his fruits better than we in *Scotland* have done. Now ye that are the people of God, I ken that ye will think this hard news; but yet I have this to tell you, although we have provoked him to remove his candleſtick to another land, and he is threatening to do ſo for a while; but yet though there be wrath in his face, there is love in his heart; and he will return to thee, O *Scotland*; and there ſhall be as glorious days in thee, O *Scotland*, as ever was in the world, in deſpite of all his adverſaries, both king, council and parliament, and profane malignants and prelates; yea, and all the defections of the people of God, ſhall not keep him away from making a viſit to his poor perſecuted friends in *Scotland* yet.

A *6th* ſort of dead folk are, Ye that want heart-holineſs, although ye have a profeſſion, yet ye are but light, wanton profeſſors, unconcerned with the caſe of the time: I fear the devil is inveſted in many of you, boiling in your hearts luſts and idols: well, ſirs, all the miniſters in the world cannot help you in this caſe, it muſt be Chriſt that muſt do it, as he did to *Mary Magdalene*: for the devil is as really in many of you as he was in her. But I fear Chriſt hath quat many

many of you, and given you a farewell-chap upon your heart that he is likely to reprove you no more, till he make his *fury reſt upon you:* but, however, I have this to ſay, and remember that I have ſaid it, Ye that want heart-holineſs, the devil and ye ſhall come alike ſoon to heaven; if God be in heaven ye ſhall find this true that I have ſaid to you; but I ken not what I have ado among you this day; for I can do no good among you; it ſeems the goſpel is a ſealed book to moſt part of profeſſors in theſe lands, and in this generation: ye were all perjured in the beginning with complying with *prelacy*, and hearing theſe curſed *curates*, after ye had covenanted and ſworn to God, and engaged yourſelves in that covenanted work of reformation, and as long as ye mourn not for that ſin as much as for whoredom, adultery, murder or ſtealing, the goſpel will never do you good; I charge you to believe this, and ye ſhall know that the Lord hath ſent me to tell you theſe things in that day when God ſhall ſummon you before his tribunal; I leave theſe things upon you. But as for you the ſufferers in *Scotland*, that God hath made choice of to give teſtimony for him, the poor lads and laſſes in *Scotland*, that hath ſuffered for him, that he hath taken out to ſcaffolds, your petition is in the *Revelation*, 12 chap. 1 ver. *A woman clothed with the ſun, and the moon under her feet:* the ſufferers in *Scotland* hath gotten the world under their feet this day. If he charge any of you in this country-ſide to go out and ſuffer for him, deny him not; he has taken few out of *Carrick* or *Galloway* yet, but ye know not what he will do. And now, people of God, wait on patiently, and make conſcience of dealing with him, for I have news to tell you, he will reach his hand on all the *malignants* e'er long; ay, he will cut off the remnant of them in *Scotland* e'er long, although they have ſaid as in our text, *This is the heir, come let us kill him, and ſeize on his inheritance.* And if they

had our Lord in *Scotland* the day, they would certainly do ſo with him: But I'll tell you, God will cut off the poſterity of them that are greateſt enemies to our Lord, and their children ſhall wander, begging their bread, being deſtitute, and not having to cover their nakedneſs, and this ſhall be their puniſhment; our Lord ſhall not only overthrow them for the wrongs that they have done to him, but he ſhall ſet a mark of his diſpleaſure on their poſterity and generations to come: but for you, the poor broken hearted followers of Chriſt, to whom he hath given grace to follow him in this ſtorm, I'll tell you grace is young glory at your firſt converſion. Our Lord gives you one end of his line, but he keeps the other in glory with himſelf, he will hale you all there at length, ſirs. And now I charge you, meddle with none of theſe *bonds* or *teſts*, for they will wrong you, look the 13 of the *Revelation*, it is the *mark of the beaſt;* the Scripture ſaith, they that worſhip the beaſt, and receive his mark in their forehead, or in their right-hand, *muſt have their portion in the lake that burneth with fire and brimſtone.* And now I charge you to take counſel at neither miniſters nor profeſſors, nor gentlemen nor nobles, for they will counſel you all the wrong gate. The blood of many a ſoul in *Scotland* ſhall be charged on them e'er it be long. For now our curſed nobles and gentles; yea, many miniſters and profeſſors is come that length in apoſtacy, that they will ſcar at nothing, they are altogether given up of God: you know what is ſaid in the 2*d* epiſtle of *Paul* to *Timothy*, 3 chap. 13 ver. *Evil men and ſeducers ſhall wax worſe and worſe*, while they are going on in their apoſtacy from and againſt God. The martyrs are going off the ſcaffolds ſinging and rejoicing and praiſing God, going to glory, leaving their teſtimony againſt all their wicked ſteps of defection, by ſhedding of their innocent blood, and is laying *Scotland* and theſe lands in a ſad caſe the day.

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Now ſirs, when wrath is ſo near, I pray you to take notice what ye are doing; for e'er long, *Britain* and *Ireland* ſhall be overthrown with judgments, and drowned in blood; and ye ſhall be gathered together as flocks of ſheep to hill-ſides in a ſtormy night, and ſhall be overthrown with the wrath of God, which ſhall overthrow theſe lands, for the dreadful wrongs Chriſt hath gotten amongſt us. And now I give you faithful warning, if ye periſh, your blood ſhall be upon your own head. I aſſure you, e'er it be long, ye ſhall be made an *aceldama, (a field of blood)* and then two ſtorms ſhall be on you at once. *Firſt*, The wrath of God to cut you off, and awakened conſcience within, and a *bloody ſword* to take away your life, and I trow that ſhall be ſore to bide. And now, O backſliding profeſſors of *Scotland*, take heed how you have your graces in exerciſe, look that ye fail not of the grace of God in this ſad day; and remember that a ſtock of grace will not do your turn, and I trow few of you hath that itſelf: therefore take heed what you are doing; for it is no ſmall meaſure of wrath that is upon poor *Scotland* the day. The Spirit of converſion is reſtrained, the preaching of the goſpel blaſted, the Word of the Lord does no good; this bodes great wrath on *Scotland* this day, and all theſe lands. I'll tell you ſirs, ye had need to heed your doings in ſuch an hour of temptation, when ſo many profeſſors are going with the ſtorm: for there is nothing but immediate divine ſupport out of heaven will hold you up in a ſtormy blaſt. A Chriſtian that hath been a ſtanding Chriſtian theſe forty years, an hour's time of a fiery trial may lay them on their back, and deny Chriſt. This may make all of us tremble, fear, and be humble before the Lord. God ſave you from a ſudden ſurpriſing temptation, of which there are many in our day in *Scotland*. But to the poor broken-hearted believer that reſolves in his name and in his ſtrength to ſtand through the ſtorm, I have

news to tell you, Chriſt is as much bound to hold you up, as ye are bound to ſuffer for him, when ye are called to it: and all theſe that hath given a teſtimony for Chriſt theſe one and twenty years, is a large proof of it, and all of them young and old hath been wonderfully holden up to the admiration of all on-lookers, even to ſome of the perſecutors themſelves, and all of them ſhall come in as witneſſes againſt you that flenched from the truth, or ſhall flench from it, and theſe ſhall be eternal ſtanding witneſſes againſt you: yea, I will tell you more, not one of you wicked unconcerned bodies, I ſay, not a drop of the ſaints blood which hath been ſhed in *Scotland* in this ſad day of *Zion*'s trouble, perſecution and calamity, but it ſhall be required at your hands: ye are the murderers of the ſaints, and I trow there are many ſuch in *Scotland* this day, both men and women, and rotten unconcerned miniſters and profeſſors, that God will ſweep away e'er long in his anger, as well as a profane wicked king, wicked nobles, and prophane court-folk, kirkmen and prophane prelates, and all their falſe underlings, God ſhall make a fair riddance e'er long: God haſten it in his due time.

But I'll tell you ſirs, the Lord's return to this land will be terrible, for the godly ſhall fall among the wicked, for our perjury and falſe dealing with him in his covenant: therefore make for it, for I give you fair warning the day; I pray you take the alarm, and I leave it upon you old folk, that is going o'er the brae, and dropping into eternity, and knows not where ye will take up your eternal lodging. O dreadful! what will become of you? dying and unreconciled with God.

Remember the word that I cited to you in the 12*th.* of the *Hebrews*, *Without holineſs none ſhall ſee the Lord.* But yet poor broken-hearted believers (as I ſaid to you before) it is not ſuch a meaſure of holineſs as *Enoch*, *Abraham*, *Moſes* and *David*, or any of theſe worthies

worthies had that he ſeeks from you: it is holineſs in deſign, and to obey the device of ſalvation in the deſign of the goſpel. And now take heed that ye double your diligence, and fail not of the grace of God in this dark hour of darkneſs that is coming, and is further to come on *Scotland*: for it is a very ſad and dreadful prognoſtication from God, that at this juncture of time, the Lord hath almoſt blown out all the lights in *Scotland*. And now I leave it on you to mind the priſoners in *Scotland* the day, in all the priſons in *Scotland*, as ye will anſwer in the great day, and take a hearty lift with them in their ſad diſtreſs.

And now, ye young folk, I leave it on you to make conſcience in cloſing with him; O! ſay ye, we are young, and has time enough to repent; but I'll tell you, ſirs, the Lord needs no other rod to chaſtiſe you with, but to let you live 30, or 40, or 60, or 70 years in this world; and then, if ye remain ignorant, he will caſt you into hell, and therefore take heed to yourſelves. And now, ſirs, the Lord haſtens to come, and he hath been crying to you in theſe lands (and namely to thee upſitten *Scotland*) to watch with him but one hour in his ſufferings and temptations, but we have not done it: for which thou, O *Scotland* ſhall be made the burt of his wrath e'er long; but the other two lukewarm indifferent lands ſhall not eſcape, but ſhall drink off the dregs of the cup of his anger. But, indeed, the blood of the perſecuted remnant that hath been ſhed to witneſs againſt defections for a teſtimony ſpeaks beſt to thee, O *Scotland*, a remnant of thee ſhall eſcape; and ſhall be monuments of his mercy in all the floods of wrath that is coming on theſe lands; yea, a remnant in the other two lukewarm lands, that hath been ſympathizing with his broken work ſhall eſcape; but I fear the number ſhall be few. And now, ſirs, I leave theſe things upon you, and this ſad word I have to tell you, that to a faithful miniſter about thirty years ago, a whole congregation was not ſo weighty as one profeſſor is this day.

day. I fear the Lord hath ſaid as in the 14*th of Jeremiah*, 11 ver. *Pray not for this people, them that dies, let them die, and them that are for the ſword, to the ſword, and them that are for the famine, to the famine*, &c. And God ſhall be avenged on theſe apoſtate lands, and namely upon the apoſtates of thee, O harlot *Scotland*, from the king to the beggar, no man ſhall eſcape. And therefore, O people of God, flee faſt to your chambers, as ye have it in *Iſaiah* xxvi. 20. for I fear there ſhall be no ſhelter e'er long.

*And I will tell you more, ſirs, I fear e'er the ſtorm go over, the day is coming in theſe lands, that a bloody ſcaffold will be thought a good ſhelter: therefore, people of God, believe theſe things, and lay them to heart, for ye ſhall meet with them e'er all be done: and now, people of God, I have this to tell you likewiſe, that ye ſhould all mourn for and be concerned with, and that is, the enemies of God in* Scotland *had never gotten us broken and ruined as they have done, if they had not plowed with our own heifer: they have broken the kirk of God in* Scotland, *and deſtroyed us all by this ſinful and idolatrous indulgence: but I'll tell you for all the craft they have learned with their maſter the devil to draw ſo many miniſters and profeſſors after them for a ſinful ſhelter, God ſhall ſweep them away in the deluge of his wrath that is at the door in thir lands, it ſhall ſweep away both friends and foes: but yet I'll tell you, our Lord ſhall break them by a yoaking of their own plough (for well can he do it) and he ſhall do it in* Scotland *e'er long: he will break them and ruin them ſo clean that the remnant of* Baal *ſhall be hateful yet to be named in* Scotland, *or in any of theſe lands. I mean idolatry and all* Romiſh *wares ſhall be ſweeped away with the blood of the ſaints that hath been ſhed, and is to be ſhed in* Scotland, *and in theſe covenanted lands e'er the ſtorm go over, and before the Lord have done with us, and namely in thee, apoſtate* Scotland.

But yet glorious ſhall be the days that ſhall be in thee, O *Scotland*, in deſpite of devils and wicked men,

men, as in the deſpite of all the defections and back-ſlidings of the backſlidden people of God, they ſhall not be able to hinder it when the Lord ſhall return: and, therefore, people of God, I charge you to believe it, that he hath a mind to return; for it will help to hold up your fainting hearts in this bad ſtorm that ye are to go throw. And now, ſirs, I know it is neither right nor lawful for any miniſter in *Scotland*, or Chriſtian to join with him in taking houſes to preach in, and leave the fields. It were better for us all, ſirs, to go to the fields in froſt and ſnow until we were wet to the ſkin on our knees, e'er we bow to one of them, king or council or any of them; for I know that the Lord will never bleſs the labours of any that hath their liberty from them, whether miniſter or profeſſor, but ſuch miniſters and profeſſors ſhall be blaſted, and their labours blaſted and fruitleſs, if their ſouls be not in hazard, I ſadly fear and am miſtaken. This being the main head, that Chriſt our Lord is head of the church, and king in *Zion*, and this they deny on the matter, and if that be not dangerous and ſad, judge ye, to conſent to let Chriſt's crown go on the head of any king in the world, and this is the ſin that ſhall ruin theſe three lands; no rank ſhall eſcape from the king to the beggar, miniſters and profeſſors, and all ſhall go with the judgment, for all have ſinned for the moſt part, and have joined with ſinful courſes that we have taken to ſhun ſuffering; the Lord ſhall take theſe things and make them inſtruments and means to bring ſad ſufferings on us, and then we ſhall ſuffer with an evil conſcience in the midſt of the ſtorm that is coming on; and I fear it ſhall be ſadder nor I can ſpeak of, or you think of at this time: and therefore, in the name of the Lord, I charge you to lay theſe things to heart, and mourn all of you before the Lord for the grievous ſins of all ranks, from the greateſt to the ſmalleſt, and labour to have a ſuitable weight upon your hearts before the

Lord,

Lord, for God will have many a ſad queſtion to lay home to your conſciences rhat we ſhall not be able to anſwer: for my part, I think happy are they that hath their eyes cloſed, and ſhall not ſee the evil that is coming on theſe nations. The Bible, the Word of God, can hardly give a parallel, neither the generations before, nor at this day can they parallel our ſin; and therefore lay theſe things to heart. The churches abroad are hiſſing at us the day: and therefore I leave theſe things upon you, and the Lord bleſs them to you; for I fear that we ſhall all have to do with it before the ſtorm go over, that we ſhall certainly meet with in theſe lands.

*Let us pray.*

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# SERMON II.

Luke xxiv. 21. *But we truſted that it had been he which ſhould have redeemed* Iſrael, &c.

WHERE is the Kirk of God in *Scotland* the day? It is not among the great clergy folk? ſirs, I'll tell you where the kirk of God is, wherever there is a praying laſs or lad at a dyke-ſide in *Scotland*, a praying party will ruin them, yet, ſirs, and a praying party ſhall go thro' the ſtorm: but many of you in this country-ſide ye ken not theſe things; the weight of the broken kirk of God in *Scotland* never troubles you, the loſs of a cow, or two-three of your beaſts, or an ill market-day goes nearer your hearts nor all the troubles of the kirk of God in *Scotland*. Well then, thou poor body, that will reſolve to follow him, pray faſt, if there were but one of you, he will be the ſecond; if there were but two of you our Lord will be the third; ye need not fear that ye ſhall want company, our Lord will be your company himſelf;

himſelf; he will condeſcend as low as ye like to you that will reſolve to follow him in this ſtormy blaſt that is blowing upon this poor kirk in *Scotland* the day.

*But there is ſome of you that is come here the day, the next day when ye cannot get a meeting of this kind, ye will run away to your hirelings again: take heed, ſirs, do not mock God, this indulgence will lead you away from Chriſt as well as the* curates. *O the baſe drag the kirk is getting from many of the miniſters in* Scotland *in our day. About thirty-ſix years ago our Lord had a great thick back of miniſters and profeſſors in* Scotland, *but one blaſt blew ſix hundred of our miniſters from him at once, and they never came back to him again: yea, many lords and lairds, and ladies followed him then, but the wind of the ſtorm blew the ladies gallantries in their eyes and their ears both, which put them both blind and deaf, that they never ſaw to follow Chriſt ſince, nor to hear his pleaſant voice; the lords and lairds, and ladies were all blown over the brae. Alas! for the apoſtacy of nobles, gentles, miniſters and profeſſors in* Scotland: Scotland *e'er long ſhall run in ſtreams of blood, yea, many of the ſaints blood ſhall yet be ſhed e'er long: but yet the blood of the ſaints ſhall be the ſeed of a glorious church in* Scoland. *O ſirs, what are ye doing in this country-ſide? Chriſt's followers in throw in* Clydſdale *yonder, they have ventured fair for God, and hath given a great teſtimony, they have burnt the* teſt, *and the* acts *of the* curſed parliament. *There was a poor widow in that country-ſide, as I came throw, that was worth many of you, and when ſhe was aſked how ſhe did in this ill time:* I do very well *(ſays ſhe)* I get more good in one verſe of the Bible now, nor I did in it all lang ſyne; He hath caſten me the keys of the pantry-door, and bids me take my fill: *was not that a Chriſtian indeed? O ſirs, I would have you taking heed what ye are doing now, when the blood of the ſaints is running ſo faſt.*

Now, ſirs, the obſervation that I would have you to take home with you, is this, It is ay a poor body that God hath done a good turn for that will follow him in a ſtorm. And now, people of God, ye ken this, *Mary Magdalene* that is here ſpoken of in this chapter, he caſt a legion of devils out of her in a morning; I trow ſhe never forgat that till ſhe wan to glory. Think ye not but it was a ſore heart that morning, when ſhe miſſed him, and got a toom tomb an an empty grave? O what would ye have thought to have ſeen this poor woman running through the bands of ſoldiers? but that was not the thing that troubled her, neither the *Roman* guard that was about the grave, nor the heavy ſtone that was upon the grave's mouth, nor the charge, under the pain of death, that they ſhould not touch the grave; na, na, ſirs, love to God goes beyond all that; he was their Lord, and they dought not want him. The note that I would have taken with you, is this, An ye have gotten good of Jeſus Chriſt, ye would through hell at the neareſt to be at him. O ſirs, them that hath ſuffered for Chriſt in *Scotland*, they ken this beſt the day, they got a ſtormy rough ſea indeed, but a choice pleaſanr ſhore, and the captain of their ſalvation to welcome them heartily home. O ſirs, Chriſt had a whein noble worthies in *Scotland* not long ago, that ſet the trumpet to their mouth, and gave fair warning in his name; he had a *Welſh*, a *Camron*, a *Cargill*, and a *Wallwood*, a noble party of them proclaiming his name in *Scotland* O ſirs, if ye could be admitted to ſee and ſpeak to them, they would tell you, That it is nothing to ſuffer for Chriſt; they are all glancing in glory now; they would flee you out of your wits to behold them with theſe white robes and glorious crowns, and palms in their hands. Follow faſt if he call you to ſuffer for his name. But what ſhall I ſay? The moſt part of you knows nothing of this; ye that are lying in black nature, ye dought not bide

bide in heaven if ye were in it, ye would give a thouſand worlds if ye had them to be out of it again.

*Well, ſirs, I'll tell you news, happy they that's win cleanly through the ſtorm ſince the year ſixty, happy they (I ſay) that wan through at* Pentland, Bothwell, *and* Airdſmoſs. *Happy they that died on ſcaffolds, gibbets, or on the ſeas. O the blood of the ſaints will be the ſeed of the church in after-ages to come in* Scotland. *And I'll tell you more, ſirs, take heed what thought ye have of the ſufferers, look that ye have not the thought that they ſuffered wrong: entertain no jealouſies or hard thoughts of the people of God's cauſe in their hard ſufferings: for them that hath won through the ſtorm, and is won through* Jordan, *hath gotten* Jordan's *ebb water, and is well won throw: but the miniſters and profeſſors in* Scotland *that are yet to go through the ſtorm (as well as the profane party) ſhall get a ſtormy ſea, and ſhall find* Jordan's *growing water, and ſhall find hard winning through.*

But to come to the words, I trow our Lord was blyth to hear this diſcourſe between theſe two poor men. There is many a man ſpears the gate they ken full well; think ye that our Lord was ignorant of this diſcourſe before he came to them? But he ſpears to try their zeal. I trow miſbelief was very ſtrong in them (as it is with many profeſſors in *Scotland* the day;) *We thought*, ſaid they, *that it was he that ſhould have reſtored the kingdom to* Iſrael. I trow many in *Scotland* is beginning to queſtion the work of reformation and the covenant which we ſwore with uplifted hands to God, whether it was the work of God; yea, or no.

The next thing that ye will queſtion is, Whether the work of God be real or no in your own boſom; take heed to your atheiſm, people of God. I'll tell you your atheiſm and your miſbelief will do you an ill turn, it will put you to queſtion the work of God in your own boſom, and that will not be good com-

pany in a ſtorm that ye are likely to meet with e'er it be long in thir lands. Well, ſirs, there is many a plough plowing in our Lord's acres the day in *Scotland*, but e'er long he will looſe ſome of them, and cut their cords, and lay them by a while. Now, ſirs, what is it that hath carried throw the ſufferers for Chriſt theſe twenty-two years in *Scotland?* It is in the *Phil.* iii. 10. It is the filling up of Chriſt's ſufferings in *Scotland*, together with the ancient decrees of heaven. For my part I ſeek no more if he bid me go: he bade ſo many from the 60th year to *Pentland*, go to ſcaffolds and gibbets for him: they ſought no more but his commiſſion, and went, and he carried them well throw: then in the 66th, at *Pentland*, he bade ſo many go to the fields and die for him, and ſo many to ſcaffolds, and lay down their lives for him, they ſought no more but his commiſſion, and went, and he carried them well throw. And then in the 79, at *Bothwell*, he bade ſo many go to the fields and ſcaffolds and die for him, they ſought no more but his commiſſion, and went: he bade ſo many go to the ſeas and be meat for the fiſhes for him, they ſought no more but his commiſſion and went. And then in the year 80, at *Airdſmoſs*, he bade ſo many go to the fields and ſcaffolds for him, they ſought no more but his commiſſion, and went. This cup of ſuffering hath come all the way down from *Abel* to the 82 year in *Scotland* Our Lord hath held this cup to all the ſufferers heads wherever he had a kirk in the world, and all the martyrs hath taſted of this cup, and it will go to all the martyrs lips that will ſuffer for Chriſt even to the laſt trumpet ſounding. But yet, people of God, it is but the brine that the ſaints taſte of, but be ye patient in believing, for God ſhall make the wicked, his enemies and your perſecutors in *Scotland*, wring out the the bitter dregs of this cup to all eternity, and to ſpue and fall, and riſe no more. Believe it, our Maſter will ſet by this cup, and cloſe and

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ſwallow up time in endleſs eternity, and blow that great trumpet, and then heaven and earth ſhall go to a red low at once. O long for that noble day, believers, for it will put an end to all your ſad days, and ſuffering days. Perſecuted people of God in *Scotland*, I remember a paſſage of a great emperor when he went over ſeas to battle, when he ſaw the numerous multitude of his enemies; their army was far more nor his army, he ſays to his general, What ſhall we do? their number is far greater than our's. Then anſwered his ſtout valiant general, We will fight (ſaid he) under our enemy's colours, and vanquiſh them; and ſo they did. So let the noble ſufferers in *Scotland* that ſuffer for Chriſt fight valiantly and couragiouſly under their perſecutors ſhadow, and ſo they ſhall vanquiſh them. And, indeed, our noble captain of ſalvation, Jeſus Chriſt, has vanquiſhed theſe bloody perſecutors in *Scotland* (theſe 22 years) more by the patient ſuffering of the ſaints, and hath overcome them more gloriouſly, and hath triumphed more gloriouſly over them, than he had threſhed them all down in a moment. I ſay the patient ſuffering of the blood of the ſaints, declares his glory much abroad in the world, and eſpecially in thir lands. I remember as I came through the country, there was a poor widow woman, whoſe huſband fell at *Bothwell*, when the bloody ſoldiers came to plunder her, and ſaid, We will take all thou haſt, and leave thee nothing, neither to put on thee nor in thee. I care not (ſaid ſhe) I'll not want ſo long as God is in the firmament: That was a believer in God indeed. Now, this *Mary Magdalene* that we ſpoke of before, What was ſhe before Chriſt and ſhe met? for as well as he loved her, we read in hiſtory, that before ſhe and Chriſt met, ſhe was a whore to the captain of the caſtle at *Jeruſalem*. The note that I would have you obſerve is this, *That for as bad as this woman was, ye may ſee Chriſt ſets his love on her, and would not want her, and now ye ſee ſhe follows him*

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*in a great ſtorm; I would have you to take this home with you, That free grace is no broker of perſons. Chriſt will not caſt away the worſt of you that is the ſaints that will follow him in a ſtorm, he hath done you as good a turn as he did to* Mary Magdalene, *although you have not been as really poſſeſſed with the devil as ſhe was, yet ye have had ſome grievous luſts and domineering idols that hath raged within you, that he hath caſten out or ſubdued, and helped you throw that hath ſadly oppreſt you: therefore it concerns you now to follow him, and bide by his back, now in this ſtormy blaſt in* Scotland *the day.*

But what think ye of our great folk in *Scotland* at this time, our lords and lairds, and ladies? the ſtorm ſoon beat them from Chriſt's back. I'll tell you what our great folk in *Scotland* is like, They are even like ſo many ladies going to ſea in a calm day in a boat for their pleaſure; but as long as the ſea is calm and they ſee the ground, and no fear of hazard, they bid the boatman row out; but whenever the wind blows a little, and the waves begin a little to riſe and ſwell, and they begin to loſe ſight of the ground, then they cry, Fy in to the ſhore again. *Secondly*, Our great folk in *Scotland*, both nobles, gentles, miniſters and profeſſors, and all ranks in *Scotland*, all followed our Lord at the back when the wind was fair, but whenever the ſtorm began to blow upon our Lord's face, all quat his back for the moſt part, and made in to the next ſhore again. But and ye will wait on a while patiently, perſecuted people of God, God ſhall be even with theſe blaids all of them e'er long. O ſirs, there is few *Uriah*'s now in our days: worthy *Uriah* would not ſleep in his bed when the ark of God was in the fields, and the people of God in the fields: there is few ſo now in our days, and ſo will be ſeen of it e'er all be done. I'll tell you, ſirs, eaſe is never good for the kirk of God, and the people of God thrives ay beſt under ſaddeſt perſecution; it hath been

been the experience of the kirk and people of God in all ages. Worthy *David* play'd a ſad ſport one morning with his eaſe, it had been good for *David* that he had been in the fields that night: he not only committed adultery that morning and alſo murder; but he thought to have fathered his ill gotten baſtard upon worthy *Uriah;* an ill turn makes ay way for another: it is ſo with our great clergy folk the day, vile apoſtates as they are. I warrant many of our great clergy folk, all the ill turns that they do, they father them ay all upon the Bible, and makes ay the Bible their warrand, the council and clergy all does this, even when they condemn the ſaints of God, and takes their lives for owning the cauſe and covenant of Jeſus Chriſt, and for owning his kingly government in *Scotland*, which theſe miſerable apoſtates hath taken from him, and conſented that it ſhould be taken from him this day in theſe lands. I ſay they will caſt up the Bible in ſo doing, and will ſay they have their warrand from it, both council and prelates, and indulged; but they deceive themſelves, and mocks the Lord in ſo doing, for which he ſhall be avenged on them e'er long. But I'll tell you how they do with the Bible, even as a ſhipmaſter or ſhipcarpenter does with the great planks when they build a ſhip, they put them in the fire, and bows them to the uſe they would have them: but do not ye ſo, but let the Bible ſtand regiſtrate as God hath ſet it; and for your warrand, look *Revelation* xxii. at the cloſe, *He that addeth or diminiſheth, &c.* See what ſentence the Spirit of God puts on them. O that ſad defection the want of the right obſervation of theſe things hath occaſioned in *Scotland*, ſince the ſad ſtorm began to blow upon the poor church. O the many vile hypocrites the church of *Scotland* hath brought forth; they are mother-bairns but not father-bairns, vile baſtards as they are, now tearing their mother's fleſh with their hands, and O but that is unnatural like.

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I trow and any of us had our mother lying, it were more unkindly for us to run away and leave her, it were more kindly for us to ſtay and hold up her head while ſhe were a dying. But, indeed, our miniſters and profeſſors hath not done ſo in *Scotland*; they have fled and left their dying mother, they have fled to other places for ſhelter, and fled in under indulgence, and fled to other nations under a pretence to preach the goſpel; but the truth is, I am afraid that it be ſaid by God at length, that it was for the back and the belly that many of them hath done ſo; and to ſhun ſuffering for Chriſt, for which they ſhall ſmart e'er all be done: there was work enough at home for them to have ſtayed at home with their dying mother. O ſecure *England* and *Ireland*, your day of vengeance haſtens faſt from the Lord.

*Well, you that are the ſufferers for Chriſt in* Scotland *look what worthy* David *ſays*, Pſalm xvii. *and laſt verſe.* David *had as meikle wealth in the world (eaſe honours, pleaſures, and a throne) as any of them hath, the Lord ſays to* David, I have fetched you from keeping the ews with young. *I gave you pleaſures, a throne, and a kingdom, and dominion over your enemies: and what would you have more, ſays God to* David? *It is true, Lord, ſays* David, *I have received all that, but all that is not my portion: I will not give a goat-horn for it all in compariſon of that noble ſatisfaction I ſhall have in the morning of the reſurrection when I awake* I ſhall be ſatisfied with thy likeneſs. *Come ſufferers for Chriſt, ye ſhall have a bony encouragement in ſpite of them all: up your hearts with the faith of believing theſe things. The poor believing perſecuted kirk in* Scotland *is now a ſick patient under Chriſt's hand. But, O bleſſed ſhall they be that ſhall be privileged to be ſharers of the bleſſed reformation: that glorious work of reformation of that manchild which this ſick travailing woman ſhall bring forth*

*forth. O we long to live to ſee theſe glorious days that ſhall be in thee, O* Scotland, *e'er it be long. Once* Scotland *ſent out her glory to all lands round about. Now ſhe ſits as a widow, and few to take her by the hand: but yet her huſband will not forſake her, but will yet return again to* Scotland, *and he ſhall ſend out her glory to all lands round about, and more gloriouſly than ever ſhe formerly did.*

But now, ſirs, in the next place, the note that I would have you to take home with you is this, A poor believer gets never a bonnier blink of Jeſus Chriſt nor when the croſs lies heavieſt between their ſhoulders, for ſuffering is the ready way to glory, and this is the experience of all the cloud of witneſſes that hath ſuffered for Chriſt can teſtify: and therefore, faint not in the way for what bloody adverſaries can do to you. Now people of God in *Scotland*, there is another thing that I have to tell you, and that is this, I would have you to get preſervatives, for ye walk in a peſtilentious air, and are nearer unto hazard nor ye are aware of. If any of you were going throw a city where the plague were hot, ye would ſeek ſomething to be a preſervative to put in your mouths and noſes to keep you from being infected with the ſmell. There will be need of this in *Scotland* e'er long ſirs. I know ye think me but a fool for ſaying things, but I man tell you this in the name of the Lord, who ſent me this day to tell you theſe things, that e'er it be long, the living ſhall not be able to bury the dead in thee, O *Scotland*, and many a mile ſhall ye go and ride, and ſhall not ſee a firehouſe, but ruinous waſtes for the quarrel of a broken covenant, and wrongs done to the Son of God in *Scotland;* and then the teſtimony of a good conſcience will be a good feaſt in that day.

But now people of God, the preſervative that I would have you to get againſt that woful day, is in that ſecond epiſtle of *Peter*, iii. chap. 18. ver. *But*

*grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, &c* And I trow that will be a noble preſervative. Now people of God in *Scotland*, I have good news to tell you, but it is only to you that is the godly, if once he love you, he will never change you. But wicked folk, break not your neck on this, and yet you that are the people of God, be not too forward on ſuffering, except that ye be ſure that he call you to it O ſaith *Peter*, *Maſter*, *I will die for thee*. *Peter* was too forward; Stay man, ſay Chriſt, till once I bid thee: and I trow *Peter* got the breadth of his back to learn him more wit in time to come. The thing that I would have you to obſerve is this, That nothing leſs than a fall will humble a preſumptious profeſſor: therefore be humble all of you before the Lord. The apoſtle ſays, *Beware, take heed:* ſo I ſay, Beware, take heed the day. There is many a little ferry-boat going through *Scotland*. Take heed, people of God that ye go not aboard in them, for they will ſink you. There is likewiſe many croſs winds to blow you off Chriſt's ſhore: but if ye would wait patiently, perſecuted people of God, the Lord is about to raiſe a northern blaſt on theſe blades that ſhall raiſe them off their creeks, and looſe their plough that is plowing deep in our Lord's acres in *Scotland*.

Now theſe miniſters that is fallen ſilent at this ſinful blaſt of the ſinful command of theſe ſinful magiſtrates, tell them, people of God, that they have conſented fully to take Chriſt's crown off his head, and ſet it upon the head of a profane man: put them to it either to own their miniſtry, or to renounce it, now when it is come to this puſh in *Scotland*; and now, ſirs, if any of you would bide by Jeſus Chriſt in this ſtorm, try how ye have covenanted with him, and how ye have cloſed the bargain with him, and upon what terms: but I trow there is many of you in this age, that is like young daft folk that runs faſt together, and marries, but never lays their account how they

they will keep houſe, but preſently they fall to beggary and poverty: I trow it falls out to be ſo with many of you that is the profeſſors in this generation: ye take up your religion, and ye wot not how, and ye cannot give an account how ye came by it I'll tell you, ſirs, ye will bide by Chriſt's back no longer than a ſtorm blow, then ye will quat his back, and deny his cauſe: ye had need to take heed to this, it will ruin your ſouls in the end of the day. But I will tell you more, ſirs, the right way in covenanting with God is, when Chriſt and the believer firſt meets, our Lord gives him his laws and his ſtatutes, and he charges him not to quat a hoof, no, and ye ſhould be torn in a thouſand pieces, and the right covenanter ſays, *Amen*. O but, you people of God (like fools) would have your ſtock in your own hand, but and ye had it, ye would ſoon debuth it, as your old father *Adam* did; *Adam* got once his ſtock in his own hand, but he ſoon played it at the capy-hole one morning with the devil at two or three throws of the game, he loſt you all that is his poſterity. But now our bleſſed Second ADAM hath our ſtock in guiding, and he tutors it better, he will give you but as ye have need of it, people of God, in groats, ſixpences, and ſhillings. But and he fetch any of you to the gallows for him, he will give you dollars in your hands, ye ſhall not need to fear, he will bear your charges to the full.

Now ye in this country-ſide, e'er it be long, ye will all be charged to go and hear theſe curſed curates, and when ye are charged to go there, look the vth of the *Galatians*, 19 and 20 verſes; I ſay look to that ſcripture well, and think with yourſelves that day (poor lads and laſſes in this country-ſide) that ſuch a fool as I have told you it, that going to hear theſe profane hirelings, would take you to hell as ſoon as idolatry, adultery, witchcraft, or any of theſe ſins which is named in that place I have cited to you But now, perſecuted people of God, fear not at the croſs, for

it is the way to the crown; trouble and ſuffering hath always been the lot of the ſaints, and began as ſoon as grace did. *Abel* firſt hanſelt the croſs, and many hath followed ſince, and obtained the crown.

And now, people of God, What are ye doing? the *Pope* and *Papiſts* at *Rome* are rejoicing and burning bonefires: they are rejoicing that *Britain* and *Ireland* is coming home again to their ancient mother-church as they call themſelves. What are ye doing, people of God? O for ſuch a party to pray as *Eſther* and her maidens, that was a bloody decree too, as there is many now in *Scotland*. Now, people of God, beware of dipping with the wicked party; for, if you do it, it will be hard for you to retract again: for theſe curſed time ſerving clergymen, when once they join with the enemies, and run in defection with them, the devil learns them ſo many curſed ſhifts to defend their knavery, that hardly a conviction can reach them, and ſo they go on, and many of them will go to the pit in this age. And now, people of God in *Scotland*, What are ye doing? O pray faſt; but I will tell you, though ye ſhould pray none, yet the church of Chriſt in *Scotland* ſhall be delivered: the groaning of the ſaints and the ſighing of the priſoners, and the innocent blood of his people; the cries of many widows and fatherleſs in *Scotland*, and the reproaches of the perſecuted party in *Scotland* will put him to ariſe; the trampling of his glory, the renting of his crown violently from his head, will put him to ariſe.

O that there were a praying party now to wreſtle with him: and O that old and young would deal with him to ariſe: and O that he would give us ſuch a proof of his love as he gave to his people *Iſrael* in *Egypt*: ye know he choſe out *Moſes* to ſend down to *Egypt* to deliver his kirk. *Moſes* had no will to go; No; ſays *Moſes*, I am not eloquent Na, ſath the Lord, Go tell them, I AM *hath ſent you*: Well, ſays

ſays *Moſes*, that will not do the turn, they will not believe me: ſays the Lord again to him, Tell them by the Name of GOD ALMIGHTY I appeared to their fathers *Abraham*, *Iſaac* and *Jacob*, but by my name JEHOVAH I was not made known to them; that is a new name I have given you of my ſelf, and as I have given you that new name that I never gave to none before, ſo, tell my people in *Egypt*, that before they be not delivered, I will do that I never did before ſince the creation of the world. Now the meaning of the word JEHOVAH in the original tongue is, *I the Eternal God from all Eternity*. Now, I am the Eternal God, and ſhall be to all eternity the ſame. But I ken ſome of you has has heavy thoughts here, if this can be applicable to *Scotland's* caſe the day; yes, ſirs, as the Lord lives, or he have not *Scotland* delivered, he will work a miracle that he wrought not before, who lives to ſee it.

Now, ſirs, would ye know, if ye be right ſympathizers with the broken-work of God in *Scotland*, ye muſt try if it be your heavy thoughts when ye lie down and when ye ariſe, and all the day long, as ye go out and when ye come in: if it be ſo, it is a good mark: ye ken *Nehemiah*, when he was with the captives at *Babylon*, they were coming and going between *Jeruſalem* and *Babylon* in two's and three's, with ſad and ſorry hearts for the deſolations of the kirk of God: the honeſt man got a grip of one or two of them in a morning, and when they told him of the deſolation of *Jeruſalem*, and of the place where their fathers praiſed God; and how the walls of *Jeruſalem* was broken down, and the gates thereof burnt with fire, and the remnant of the Lord's people in great reproach, and contempt, and affliction: it put his pleaſures far from him, and both meat and drink for a good while, as ye may ſee *Nehemiah* chap i. 3. and 4 verſes. Now ſirs, there was a great number went out of *Egypt* with the kirk, a mixed multitude following

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ing to the red ſea: Wherefore was it? it was becauſe they had ſeen many miracles in *Egypt*, but they went not over *Jordan*, but fell in the wilderneſs, and died for their ſins: their hearts was not right with God, as many of this generation is. I warrand you our Lord had a thick back in *Scotland* about thirty or forty years ago, of miniſters and profeſſors when the day was fair; but when the ſtorm began to blow, Chriſt's back grew very thin: the miniſters left him and fled in to the *indulgence* under the enemies wings for ſhelter; and many profeſſors followed them for eaſe and love to the back and the belly. But wait on, people of God, a little, and God ſhall give them a rouſe e'er long: but I fear, when God comes to call the roll of *Scotland*, that he find many blanks, dead miniſters and dead profeſſors, dead men and women, though going on their feet.

Now ſirs, as I ſaid before, that if ye will follow him in this ſtormy blaſt, be humble and much denied to your own things, for a proud profeſſor nothing leſs nor a fall will do his turn. And, now ſirs, take heed what ye are doing, for it is a ſtrange time we live in (ſo to ſpeak) it is hard keeping touches with God, now when he is travelling up and down ſeveral ſhires in *Scotland*, and ſaying to this man and that woman, Go ſeal my truths with your blood. He hath taken few out of the ſhires of *Galloway* or *Carrick* to a ſcaffold to witneſs for him yet, I think we ſhould be counted with the reſt of the kingdom, and yet ye ken not what is coming. I pray you, if he come to ſeek a teſtimony from any of you, deny him not, for he denied none of you that is the elect, when ye were between the tining and the winning.

And now, ſirs, I leave theſe truths on all of you: I dare not for my very ſoul flatter with you, not knowing how ſoon ye and I both may be cited before the tribunal of God. And now I charge you to join with none of theſe time-ſerving hireling miniſters, and

and that curſed ſupremacy that they ſtand on, for it will ruin them. And now I pray you take heed when there is ſo much error going thro' the land, wreſtle with God to keep you ſtraight and ſtedfaſt, adhering in your judgments and your hearts to the covenanted work of reformation: and as for theſe indulged miniſters, although they preach ſome truths, yet the Spirit of the Lord follows not what they preach to bleſs it, for what they ſpeak from the Word is not ſeaſonable nor living truths in denying times, ſuch as theſe are, and which our times are fallen in.

And now, people of God, I have this to tell you, and ſo I leave you, That there is as glorious days coming to *Scotland* yet, as ever was, and that the children of the perſecuted captivity ſhall be the beginning of a glorious kirk yet in *Scotland*, and ſhall be ſo zealous for the reproached truths of God, that they ſhall be ready, if they meet theſe miniſters that hath betrayed the work of God; I ſay they ſhall be ready to ſtone them with ſtones, and that ſhall be made out in *Zechariah* xiii. 4. That they ſhall not wear a rough garment to deceive any more as now they have done in *Scotland*, and in all theſe lands. And now the Lord himſelf bleſs theſe things unto you, and make you ſtedfaſt that you be not led away with the apoſtacy of the time; and theſe time-ſerving miniſters, that *Demas* like, hath forſaken the way of the Lord, and embraced the preſent world.

Now the Lord himſelf make you conſider theſe things, and faſten a conviction of them upon your hearts, that ye may be watchful and ſtedfaſt to the day of his coming.

*Now unto the Lord, who is able to keep you from falling, be everlaſting praiſe.* Amen.

*A* Prediction *by Mr.* Richard Cameron, *being a Paſſage of a Sermon, preached at the* Graſſwater-ſide, *ſouth from* Cumnock, July 20*th*, 1680, 18*teen days before his death.*

THERE are three or four things that I have to tell you this day, which I muſt not omit, becauſe I will be but a breakfaſt ſome hour or another, to the enemy, and my work will be finiſhed, and my time both.

The *Firſt* is this, As for king *Charles*, who is now upon the throne, after his death, there ſhall not be a crowned king of the name of *Stuart* in *Scotland*.

A *ſecond* thing, There ſhall not be an old covenanter's head above the ground, that ſwore theſe covenants with uplifted hands in *Scotland*, e'er ye get the reformation ſet up in *Scotland*.

A *third* thing, a man ſhall ride a ſummer-day's journey within the ſhire of *Air*, and ſhall not ſee a houſe reek, or a cock crow, e'er ye get reformation; and ſeveral other ſhires in *Scotland* ſhall be as ill.

A *fourth* thing, The rod that the Lord will make inſtruments of, ſhall be the *French*, and the *French* king, together with a party in this land joining with them; but ye that ſtand to the Teſtimony in that day, be not diſcouraged at the fewneſs of your number; when Chriſt comes to ſet up his work in *Scotland*, he will not want men anew to work for him; yea, he will chap upon the greateſt man in all *Scotland*, and he will be the greateſt *Malignant* in it, and he will ſay, Sir, let alone this *Babel* building, for I have another piece of work to put in your hand; and he will gar him work whether he will or not: It may be that he will convert the man, and give him his ſoul for a prey; and there is many of you that is my hearers this day, that ſhall live and ſee theſe things accompliſh'd. And after theſe deſolations are over, ye ſhall ſee the noblemen and gentlemens houſes ruined, ſo that the nettles will be growing out of both their bedchambers, or ye die, and the memory and poſterity of them ſhall periſh from the earth, and from under the heavens.

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